
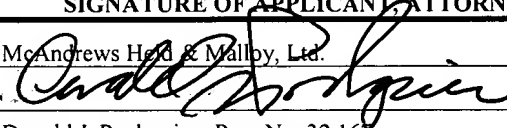
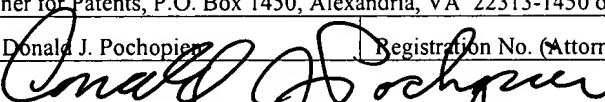


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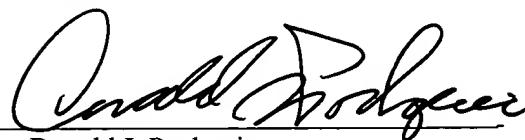
In response to the Advisory Action of 01/04/05 in sister application USSN 09/782,594, wherein the Patent Office objected to the lack of cross-hatching in FIGs 6-7, 13-14, 18, 20C, 21D, 21E and 22D, Applicants attach hereto six (6) Substitute Sheets of Drawings (Sheets 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 /14) to be substituted for the originally filed Sheets 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 of 14.

The attached Substitute sheets of Drawings added appropriate cross-hatching to the cross-sectional drawings shown in FIGs 6-7, 13-14, 18, 20C, 21D, 21E and 22D. The appropriate cross hatching is as shown in the attached page of the MPEP at §608-02 for biochemical materials. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, this basis for objection to the drawings, as stated in the sister application, has been rendered moot.

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